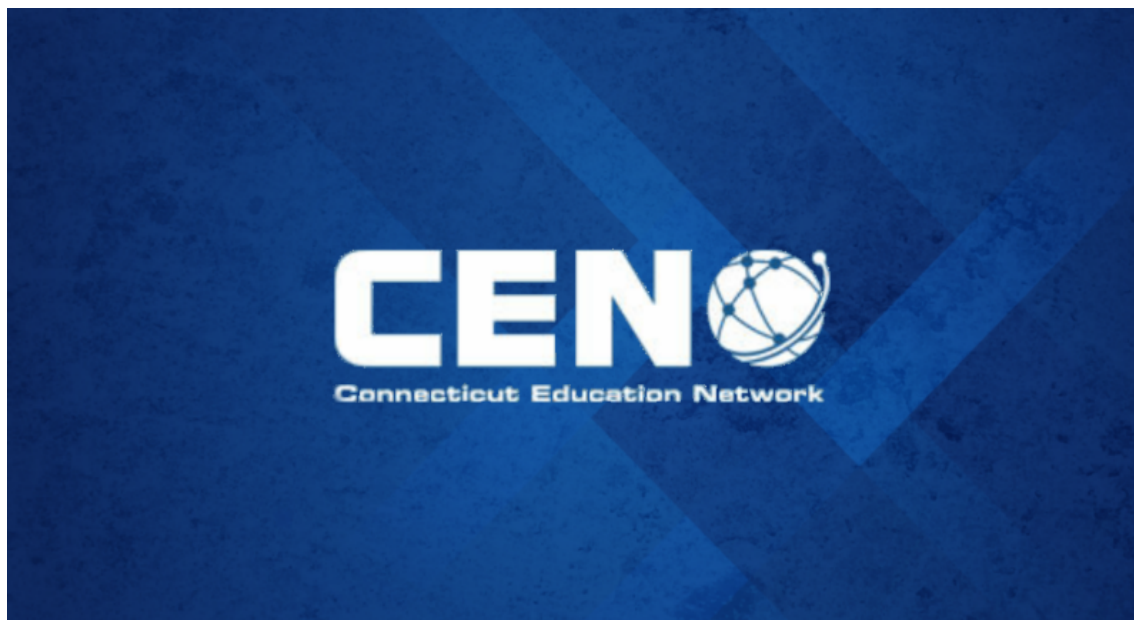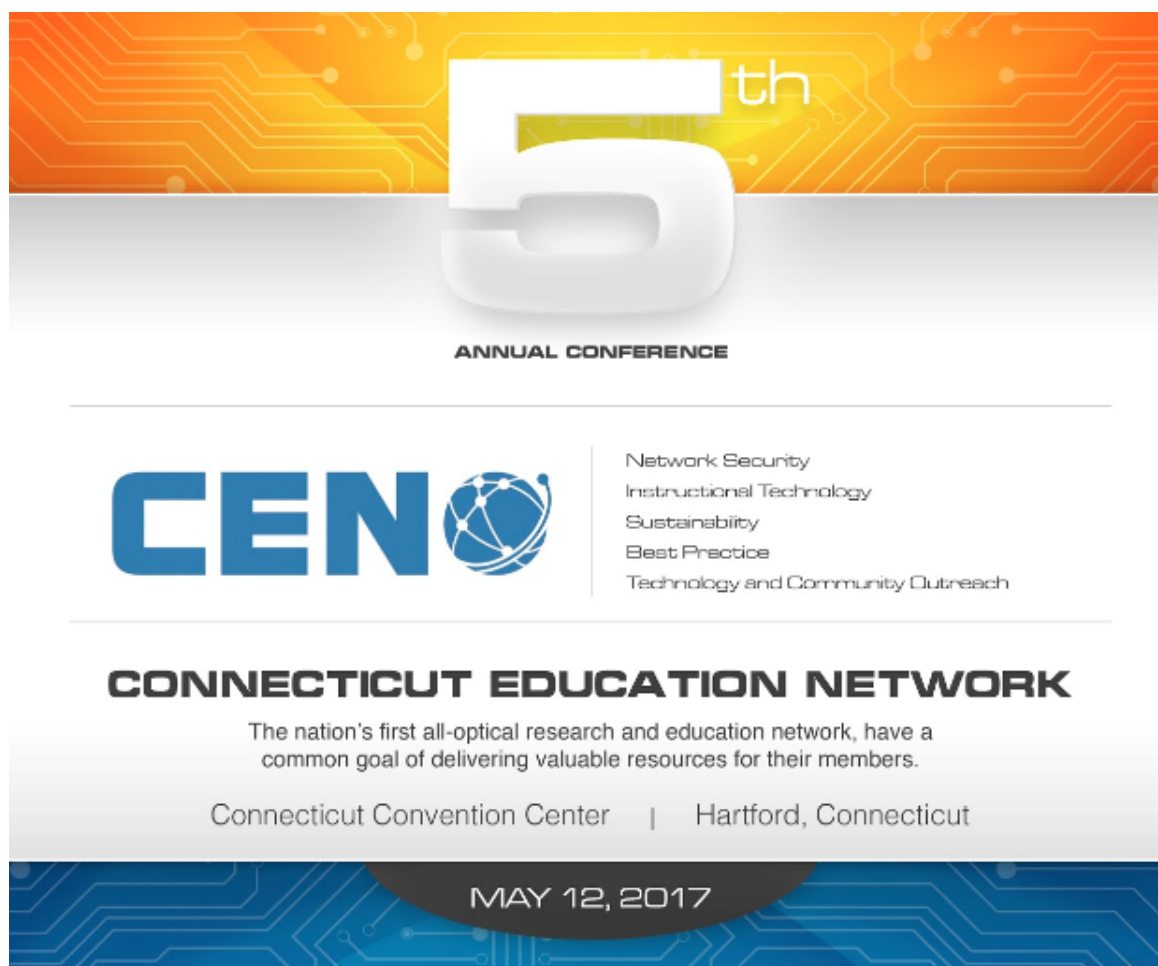Quarterly CEN newsletter full of all the latest happenings

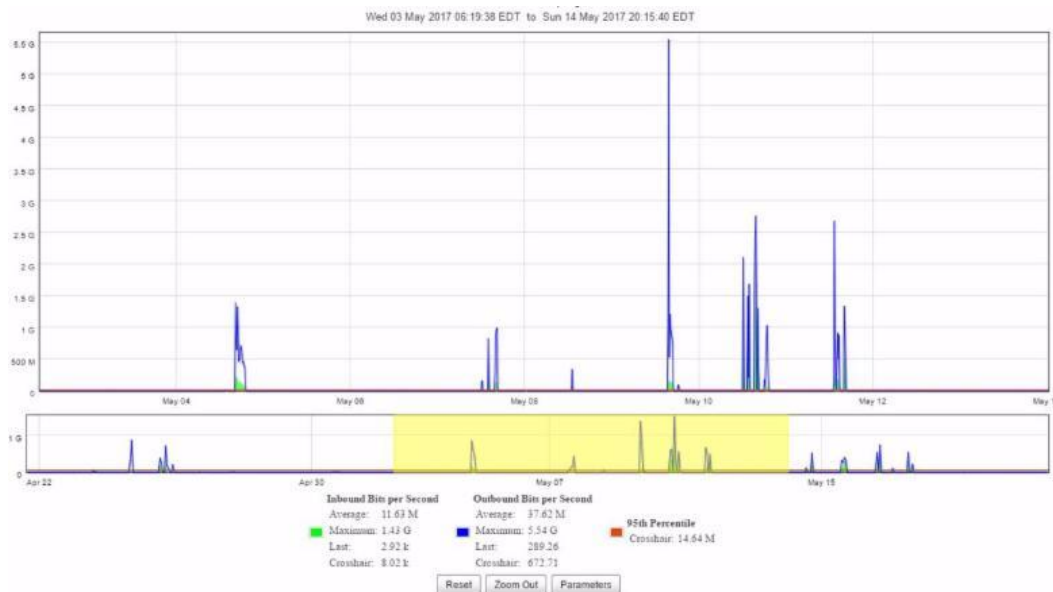# CEN 2017 Conference - May 12th, Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford

The fifth annual CEN conference celebrated Network Security, Instructional Technology, Sustainability, Best Practice and Technology and Community Outreach. We had a record number of people involved in this year's event reaching capacity with over 500 registered attendees and 30+ sponsors. This opportunity to learn and engage members truly adds great value to our network. In case you missed the event, please check out some photos from the event on CEN's Facebook Page. Conference presentations are available here and videos of sessions are on CEN's Youtube Page. Thank you to all who took the time to cast their vote for future services.

Please save the date for next year's conference, **May 18, 2018** and contact CEN if you want to be part of the 2017/2018 Conference Planning Committee (brynn.deprey@uconn.edu).

Pricing FY18

A reminder that FY18 pricing goes into effect July 1, 2017. CEN's member relations team is reaching out to members to confirm your tier for this upcoming fiscal year. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Wendy wendy.rego@uconn.edu for libraries, municipalities and private K-12s or Paul paul.tarsa@uconn.edu for open access, public K-12s and universities. To view your current ports and bandwidth usage, go here.

DDoS and SBAC Testing

CEN is pleased with how our DDoS mitigation system performed during SBAC - Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortia- testing that ran from Monday March 27 through Friday May 26. CEN members from public schools across the state explain how this has helped their school systems.

"CEN's DDoS mitigation was more than successful and extremely helpful [during SBAC testing]. Previously, we were flooded with DDoS a couple of times a week and had no internet access for several hours during each attack. This year's testing had no problems related to DDoS. I am very enthusiastic about this new approach." - Yevgeniy Sklyar, Infrastructure Manager, Danbury Public Schools.

New Connections and Tech Updates

K-12s
Bunnell High School in Stratford

Libraries
Booth & Dimock Library, Coventry
Ledyard Public Library
Levi E Coe Library, Middlefield

Municipalities
Town of Canton
Canton Volunteer Fire Station
Middlebury Fire Department
Town of Pomfret
Somers Fire Department
Westport Fire Department
Westport Police Department

Town of Somers and Somers High School are connected with CEN. They requested a layer 2 VPN (l2vpn) between their locations. CEN was able to do this at no cost since they used their current ports and both had connections with us.

Open Access
Bushnell
Chimenet
Vibrant Health
Village Mortgage
Wall Street Theater

Upcoming Events

CEN hosts a Securly webinar, online on **June 5th**. K-12 Members are invited to join Devin Murphy, Account Executive, for an hour discussion of the Securly Cloud Filtering and Cyberbullying solution. Register here.

Google Educator Level 1 Bootcamp will take place on **June 20-21** at The Morgan School, Clinton, CT. This is a two-day workshop to explore Google Applications and an opportunity for Level 1 certification. More information and online registration here.

CEN will host an InfoBlox session at 55 Farmington Ave in Hartford on **June 20th** at 10 am. Join CEN's Mike Pennington for a two hour talk on how CEN uses Infoblox for IP management and DNS management based on 6+ years of utilization. The presentation will include a live demo of CEN's system. There will be ample time for Q&A. There is no charge to attend but please register.

CEN in the News

- CEN is highlighted in this year's Quilt Circle. The Quilt is a collaboration between 36 research and education networks nationally to share best practices, cooperative purchasing agreements.

- The University of New Haven is highlighted for its campus network configuration by Juniper Networks.

- Proposed Pomfret Budget Drops 0.27% and using CEN helps them save money (The Bulletin 225, March 2, 2017).

- Connecticut Public Broadcasting Norwalk Innovation and Tech Center Awaits State Funding (The Hour, March 23, 2017). The Wall St Theatre next door is now connected to CEN.

- Can't Count on Cable to Bring Internet Up to Speed (Hartford Courant, March 24, 2017). CEN offers high speeds at accessible prices.

- Putnam's IT Expert Helps Bring Streaming Video to Town Hall (The Bulletin 225, May 1, 2017).

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